

REMARKS

- The Examiner has restricted this application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:
- I. Claims 1-4, 8 and 12, drawn to a polynucleotide [SEQ ID NO: 1] encoding a protein with expansin activity [SEQ ID NOs: 2-7], classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.
  - II. Claims 5-7, 9, 11 and 13-16, drawn to method of identifying a nucleic acid encoding expansin protein by hybridization , etc. classified in class 435, subclass 6.
  - III. Claims 10 and 17, drawn to a polypeptide [SEQ ID NO: 2-6] having expansin activity, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

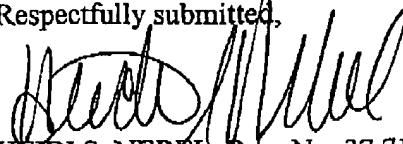
The Applicants provisionally elects with traverse, those claims to Group I - Claims 1-4, 8 and 12, drawn to a polynucleotide [SEQ ID NO: 1] encoding a protein with expansin activity [SEQ ID NOs: 2-7], classified in class 536, subclass 23.1 for example.

Applicant requests that the Examiner please consider rejoinder of Group I with Group II as the groups are related as compositions and methods of use of those identical compositions.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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